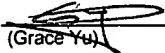


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated 25 March 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to 27 September 2004, September 25th being a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.